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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US-RP BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

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1. AMBASSADOR ROMUALDEZ HAS APPARENTLY WON PRESIDENT MARCOS' BACKING FOR HOLDING CIVAIR TALKS IN WASHINGTON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY IN MID-MAY. MARCOS HAS DESIGNATED ROMUALDEZ AS CHAIRMAN OF PHILIPPINE DELEGATION, WITH FOLLOWING AS MEMBERS: DFA UNDER-SECRETARY JOSE INGLES, CAA DIRECTOR JESUS SINGSON AND CAB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AGCAOILI.

2. IN MEETING WITH EMBOFFS MAY 7 CAB CHAIRMAN ASPIRAS INDICATED CLEARLY THAT HE WOULD NOT OPPOSE ROMUALDEZ' MOVE. EC/COM COUNSELOR NOTED THAT WE HAD INFORMED WASHINGTON ON BASIS OF ASPIRAS' EARLIER TALK WITH AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN (REF A) THAT GOP WISHED TO HOLD TALKS IN MANILA AND WOULD WELCOME US DELEGATION IMMEDIATELY AFTER US FIJI TALKS IN HONOLULU. IF ROMUALDEZ WAS TO BE CHAIRMAN OF GOP DELEGATION, WE WOULD HOPE ROMUALDEZ COULD COME TO MANILA FOR TALKS. ASPIRAS RESPONDED THAT ROMUALDEZ' COMMITMENTS WERE SUCH THAT IF TALKS WERE NOT HELD IN MAY HE COULD NOT PARTICIPATE UNTIL EARLY JULY.

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ASPIRAS SAID HOWEVER THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS MATTER AGAIN

WITH PRESIDENT IN VIEW OF EMBASSY'S INQUIRY.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE ROMUALDEZ WILL MAINTAIN HIS POSITION AND THAT GOP WILL PRESS FOR EARLY TALKS IN WASHINGTON. ALTHOUGH ASPIRAS DID NOT MENTION A DATE, AGCAOILI EARLIER TOLD NWA MGR THAT TALKS LIKELY TO BEGIN IN WASHINGTON MAY 16.

4. ACTON REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT INDICATION OF AVAILABILITY US NEGOTIATING TEAM IN WASHINGTON DURING LAST HALF OF MAY SINCE THIS POINT NOT COVERED IN REF B.
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